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TAGS: ETRN UN UNCTAD
SUBJ: SHIPPING: UNCTAD CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LINER CONFERENCES

1. MAIN COMMITTEES CONCLUDED WORK BY APRIL 4 AND FINAL PLENARY OF CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SATURDAY MORNING APRIL 6 AND EXPECTED TO RUN THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING. TEXTS PRODUCED BY COMMITTEES, ESPECIALLY OF COMMITTEE III (IMPLEMENTATION) REMAIN IN CHAOTIC AND JUMBLED STATE AND IT GENERALLY ANTICIPATED THAT PLENARY WILL CONSEQUENTLY BE CONFUSED AND DRAWN-OUT AFFAIR.

2. DELEGATIONS AND REGIONAL GROUPS COORDINATING ON QUESTION OF FINAL VOTE ON CONVENTION, AS WELL AS ON INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS. MAJORITY OF GROUP B COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS SOME D COUNTRIES AND PERHAPS EVEN COUPLE OF 77 COUNTRIES, HAVE PROBLEMS WITH SOME INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS AND EXPECTED TO VOTE AGAINST OR ABSTAIN. US EXPECTS TO VOTE AGAINST EXPECTED MAJORITY ON APPROXIMATELY 15-20 PARAGRAPHS, RELATING MAINLY TO MEMBERSHIP IN CONFERENCES, CARGO-SHARING, FREIGHT RATES, CONFERENCE SERVICE REQUIREMENTS, AND IMPLEMENTATION, ESP. REGARDING SELECTION OF CONCILIATORS AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (WHICH INVOLVES REGISTRAR AT UN, GENEVA).

3. IT HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT VOTE ON CONVENTION AS WHOLE WILL RECEIVE REQUIRED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. NUMBER OF GROUP B COUNTRIES EXPECTED TO ABSTAIN (CANADA, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, NORWAY, GREECE), OR VOTE AGAINST (UK, DENMARK, SWEDEN, FINLAND). US WILL ALSO VOTE AGAINST IF THERE ARE OTHERS ALSO DOING SO. SOME POSSIBILITY THAT NORWAY AND GREECE MIGHT JOIN "NO" VOTE. IT STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER BELGIUM, ITALY, AND JAPAN WILL VOTE FOR OR ABSTAIN. IT STILL ALSO NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER MAIN GROUP B "SYMPATHIZERS" (I.E. FRG; FRANCE; AUSTRALIA, NZ) WILL VOTE IN FAVOR.

4. DEL BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE SOME "NO" VOTES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(IN CONTRAST TO ABSTENTIONS) TO AVOID SUBSEQUENT CLAIM BY LDCS THAT THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION AT CONFERENCE TO ADOPTION OF CODE AND THAT THEREFORE EVEN NON-CONTRACTING PARTY STATES SHOULD CONSENT TO ITS APPLICATION ON UNIVERSAL BASIS. IN CASE OF US, MOREOVER, "NO" VOTE WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR OPPOSITION TO SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PARAGRAPHS OF CODE. DALE

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